

WALBRIDGE BOOM STEADILY GROWING

City Committeeman Says That
Slush Fund Will Come From
Former Opponents.

FILLEY MAKES A STATEMENT.

All Embarrassment Regarding
Filing Fees Have Now Been
Removed From the Or-
ganization.

Friends of former Mayor Cyrus P. Walbridge are gloating over the coup which they expect to turn over the entire St. Louis delegation to the Republican State Convention at Jefferson City two weeks from today to his support.

Since the fiasco on the vice-presidential endorsement and the selection of State Chairman Thomas J. Akine as National Committeeman the friends of Walbridge have left no stone unturned to capture the convention. Unexpectedly, all the city committeemen at last meeting passed a resolution endorsing Walbridge.

Proceeding the passage of the resolution, it is said that a committee composed of T. K. Nidringhaus, Louis P. Aloe, Henry C. Greener, E. C. Brockmeyer and others visited the committee and pleaded for the Walbridge resolution. So eloquent did they grow and so convinced were they of the righteousness of their cause that the committee was finally persuaded to accept an offering of about \$1,500 to pay filing fees and other necessary expenses for carrying Walbridge delegations.

This meant the parting of the ways with Chancery I. Filley, who had been asked less than four months ago to act as the advisor of the organization. He has now sent a letter to the committee in which he says the debt is too apparent and that he will not independently, as he has done for six years. He says in the letter that immediately after he became an advisor a resolution was passed whereby no party committeemen could be elected after a Federal office and still retain his seat in the committee.

FILLEY SENDS LETTER.

That has all been visited, he says, by the Walbridge deal with the Akine faction. In his letter he tells of about a hundred United States customs inspectors at the World's Fair grounds. Where before the deal was put through the committee was practically kicked out of the Federal building, they are now welcome to everything in sight.

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not known. This point is being urged against him by the friends of United States District Attorney D. Pat Dyer, Representative John H. Bothwell and State Senator John McKinley.

Of the district delegates McKinley has secured a number in various parts of the city, and it is said that a large share of the uninstructed delegates will be for him at the proper time. It has long been a custom of the Republicans to fail to instruct, and then it is usual for "fine" work to do the rest with the delegates.

MACK SENDS TELEGRAM.

Norman E. Mack, Democratic National Committeeman from New York, sent a telegram yesterday to William F. Sheehan, one of the Parker managers, correcting a number of misstatements which he might have received from reports sent from St. Louis. In his dispatch he asserts that Senator Jones will not call the committee together until he has conferred with Judge Alton H. Parker.

The telegram was as follows:

William F. Sheehan, New York, New York, July 12, 1904. New York City, New York, July 12, 1904. Senator Jones will not call the committee together until he has conferred with Judge Alton H. Parker.

He will then call a meeting of the National Committee at the Madison Hotel, New York City, on Wednesday, July 13, 1904.

It is for this purpose that Chairman Jones will first confer with Judge Parker, and then make the dates of the notification and the election of delegates to the National Convention at St. Louis.

At this meeting the National Committee will elect its chairman, secretary, treasurer and other officers. The committee will then take up such matters as may be presented to it at that time. The National Committee will call the State Convention at St. Louis on Wednesday, July 13, 1904.

Many of the delegates to the National Convention will be from New York City, New York, July 12, 1904.

La Belle Sterling, one of the dancers in the building adjacent to the Haco Track, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Helms and Schneck on charges of immorality. Her husband was also taken into custody and held in the same cell. The woman was released by Justice Campbell, who issued warrants against them.

Gambling was resumed Sunday in the building adjoining the Haco Track. Several gamblers were arrested by the police and held in the same cell.

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FIGHT ANTICIPATED AT JEFFERSON CITY

Friends and Opponents of Folk
Are Preparing for Control of
State Convention.

HAWES WRITES A LETTER.

Asks Thomas J. Mulvihill to In-
form Him Regarding Which
St. Louis Wards Will
Be Contested.

The Democratic State Nominating Convention will be called to order in Jefferson City one week from today. By next Saturday there will be headquarters of all sorts opened at the Madison Hotel and other capital hotels. Unless indications change, the junction of the two will develop into the most interesting and "warm" State convention that has been held recently.

There will be a fight over everything in sight. Both the friends and opponents of Folk are preparing for a struggle. Yesterday Harry H. Hawes sent the following letter to Thomas J. Mulvihill, who conducted the Folk campaign in this city:

Dear Sir: Acting upon the statement of Judge W. N. Evans that you are representing Mr. Folk in the matter of any contest that may come up at the Jefferson City convention, I respectfully request that I be notified by you what wards will be contested in that convention.

As you know, the delegates to the Jefferson City convention were all elected at the same time, the same judges and clerks, and the same voters were present at the same time for all delegations.

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Miss Fessett, Attended as Goddess of Liberty, Will Sing the National Hymn, "La Marseillaise."

Attended in the costume of the Goddess of Liberty, Miss Edna Bernhardt Fessett, with chorus, orchestra accompaniment, and a band of musicians, will sing the national hymn of France, "La Marseillaise," at the French fair at West End Heights Thursday evening.

The Franco-American Society of St. Louis, which gives the fair, has arranged this summer to outfit all former efforts in the celebration. John W. Frank of the West End Heights club, who is the national director, has arranged for a national salute of twenty-one bombs, in honor of the French Republic, to be fired at the fair grounds at the opening of the fair at 8:30 o'clock.

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